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Applicants Gérald DELGORGUE et al. Group Art Unit 3728 10/023,865 Appln. No. **Examiner Anthony Stashick** P21708 Docket No. Confirmation No. 5631 Customer No.: 7055 December 21, 2001 Filed ARTICLE OF FOOTWEAR AND Title METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SAME

REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
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Sir:

In reply to the final Office action dated January 13, 2004, for which Applicants request an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) for one month, from April 13, 2004 to May 13, 2004, please enter the following amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.